GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA

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SETTING OF FPI
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) The total subsidy and other facilities provided to entrepreneurs for setting up of food processing industries in the country;

(b) The type of food processing industries which are viable and economically beneficial for Maharashtra;

(c) Whether any detailed study has been conducted by the Union Government in regard to Maharashtra; and

(d) If so, the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRI TH. CHAOBA SINGH)

(a): Department of Food Processing Industriesunder Plan schemes provided financial assistance in the form of grant and soft loan to Non-Government Organisations (NGOs), Cooperatives,Private Industry, Public Sector Undertakings, HumanResources Development (HRD) and Research and Development (R&D) institutions for the development of processed food industries amounting to Rs.177.11 crores during 8th Plan and Rs.90.65 crores till 31st March, 2000 during the 9th Plan.

(b): As per the production figures of agro-horticultural produce, there is potential for setting up food processing industries based on grapes, mangoes, banana, potato, onion & other vegetables, meat & poultry, fish, milk grain & cereals etc., in Maharashtra.

(c) & (d): Although the Department has notconducted such a study, financial assistance has been provided to the Mahrashtra Fisheries Development Corporation and Maharashtra Industrial& Technical Consultancy Organisation for undertaking studies and surveys for assessing the potential for setting up food processing industries in the State of Maharashtra.